

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 34-A: CORRECTIONS**  
**Chapter 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§1801. STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

The State Board of Corrections, referred to in this subchapter as "the board," is established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 6-C. The State Board of Corrections is an autonomous body. [2009, c. 213, Pt. GGG, §2 (AMD); 2009, c. 213, Pt. GGG, §7 (AFF).]

**1. Purpose of the board.** The purpose of the board is to:

A. Promote public safety; [2013, c. 598, §8 (NEW).]

B. Establish a unified, efficient jail system that encourages collaboration among the counties, the department and the judicial branch; and [2013, c. 598, §8 (NEW).]

C. Develop and implement a coordinated correctional system that demonstrates sound fiscal management, achieves efficiencies, reduces recidivism and ensures the safety and security of correctional staff, inmates, visitors, volunteers and surrounding communities. [2013, c. 598, §8 (NEW).]

[ 2013, c. 598, §8 (RPR) .]

**2. State goals.** The board shall develop goals to guide the development of and evaluate the effectiveness of a coordinated correctional system. The board shall present its goals for review and approval by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The goals must include benchmarks for performance in the following areas:

A. Recidivism reduction; [2007, c. 653, Pt. A, §30 (NEW).]

B. Pretrial diversion; [2013, c. 598, §9 (AMD).]

C. Rate of incarceration; [2013, c. 598, §9 (AMD).]

D. Standardization of practices, equipment, professionalism of personnel, programs and policies statewide among the counties; [2013, c. 598, §10 (NEW).]

E. Efficiencies and economies of scale through consolidated purchases of goods and services; [2013, c. 598, §10 (NEW).]

F. Establishment of regional authorities to promote the goals pursuant to this subsection; [2013, c. 598, §10 (NEW).]

G. Establishment of common accounting practices, codifications and reporting formats and standardized performance metrics; [2013, c. 598, §10 (NEW).]

H. Establishment of a common, prioritized long-term capital improvement budget; [2013, c. 598, §10 (NEW).]

I. Addressing mental health and substance abuse problems among inmates; [2013, c. 598, §10 (NEW).]

J. Efforts made toward equality in the burden of criminal justice-related costs of the coordinated correctional system on taxpayers statewide; and [2013, c. 598, §10 (NEW).]

K. Examination and implementation of best practices used at the national level. [ 2013, c. 598, §10 (NEW). ]

[ 2013, c. 598, §§9, 10 (AMD) . ]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2007, c. 653, Pt. A, §30 (NEW). 2009, c. 213, Pt. GGG, §2 (AMD). 2009, c. 213, Pt. GGG, §7 (AFF). 2011, c. 374, §§7, 8 (AMD). 2013, c. 598, §§8-10 (AMD).

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